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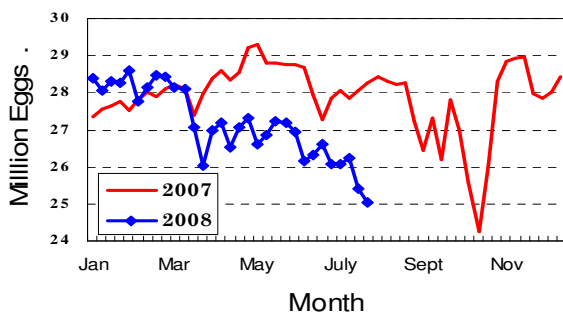
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

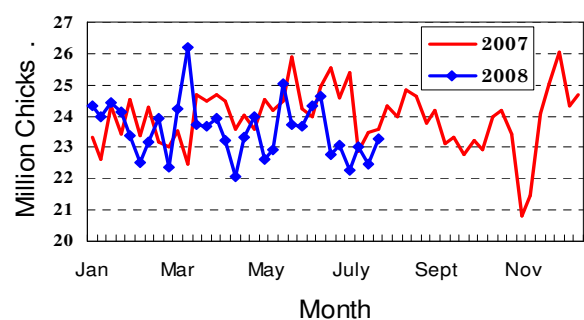
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.3 million during the week ending August 2, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and up 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 25.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 2, 2008, down 11 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, July 5, 2008 - August 2, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,252	30,699 *	30,772	30,738	30,010	21,476	21,456	21,112	20,625 *	21,066
Arkansas	26,069	26,089	26,250	25,387 *	25,037	23,052	22,289	23,028	22,469 *	23,281
Delaware	3,573	3,624	3,629	3,589	3,657	4,213	4,594	4,388	3,949	4,497
Florida	1,376	1,351 *	1,273	1,226	1,271	1,315	1,160	1,227	1,180	1,282
Georgia	32,622	34,007 *	33,591	33,274	32,701	28,617	27,742	27,913	27,048 *	28,161
Kentucky	7,929 *	7,922 *	8,007	7,967	7,974	6,470	6,016	5,489	6,519 *	5,912
Louisiana	3,651	3,651	3,621	3,621	3,470	3,456	3,543	3,465	3,572	3,359
Maryland	8,618	8,852	8,762	8,919	8,763	6,083	5,922	5,454	5,851	6,316
Mississippi	18,772	18,891 *	18,560	18,560	18,561	16,882	16,718	16,553	16,717	16,801
N. Carolina	18,266	18,159 *	18,739	19,360	18,985	15,683	15,980	15,849	15,295	15,021
Oklahoma	6,845	7,293 *	7,113	7,060	6,863	4,512	6,113	5,103	4,919	3,910
Pennsylvania	4,316	4,384	4,511	4,492 *	4,410	3,385	3,436	3,406	3,219 *	3,344
S. Carolina	5,348	5,380	5,659	5,494	5,528	4,726	5,027	4,737	4,624	4,819
Texas	15,706 *	15,615 *	15,694 *	14,993 *	14,632	13,408 *	13,414 *	12,350 *	13,214 *	13,080
Virginia	6,099	6,075 *	6,328 *	6,388 *	6,250	4,739 *	5,355 *	5,407 *	5,449 *	4,557
CA,MO,TN& WV	19,093	19,504 *	18,999 *	18,884 *	19,058	17,032	16,663 *	17,068 *	16,327 *	17,534
19 State Total	207,535 *	211,496 *	211,508 *	209,952 *	207,170	175,049 *	175,428 *	172,549 *	170,977 *	172,940
Prev. Year Total	216,018	218,175	216,979	217,989	216,255	178,318	177,496	172,031	176,538	179,654
% of Prev. Year	96	97	97	96	96	98	99	100	97	96

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 2, 2008. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 2, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 2, 2008 were 5.50 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.